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TO AMEMBASSY COTONOU IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, CASC, PFOR, AMER, DM

SUBJECT: BENIN COUP ATTEMPT

REF: A) LAGOS 0689, B) LAGOS 0723, C: COTONOU 0149

1. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR THOMPSON TO RETURN TO COTONOU BY SURFACE IF GPRB AGREEMENT CAN BE OBTAINED. GPRB AGREEMENT SHOULD ALSO BE OBTAINED FOR RETURN BY AIR.

2. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO REMOVE IMMEDIATELY DAVIS FROM BENIN WHEN HE IS RELEASED SINCE HE HAS PROBABLY BEEN SHAKEN BY SEVERAL DAYS OF ARREST AND GPRB COULD CONCEIVABLY ATTEMPT TO DETAIN HIM AGAIN, PERHAPS IN EFFORT TO SUPPORT POSSIBLE CHARGES OF WESTERN CONFIDENTIAL

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COLLUSION IN THE COUP ATTEMPT. HOWEVER, DAVIS' IMMEDIATE REMOVAL MIGHT CONFIRM ANY GPRB SUSPICIONS THAT HE HAD A ROLE IN THE COUP ATTEMPT IN WHICH CASE LEAVING HIM THERE UNTIL BARLOW RETURNS ABOUT SIX WEEKS FROM NOW MIGHT BE BEST. WE NEED SOONEST SUMMARY OF STATEMENT SIGNED BY DAVIS JANUARY 20 (REF C). WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COTONOU AND THOMPSON'S VIEWS.

3. IF DAVIS LEAVES WE SUGGEST HE TRAVEL TO LAGOS AND
THAT YVONNE WHITE GO TO COTONOU UNTIL BARLOW RETURNS.
WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY LAGOS AND COTONOU VIEWS. DAVIS
WOULD REPLACE WHITE IN LAGOS.

4. RE REF B, YOU SHOULD NOT INDICATE TO NIGERIANS
WHETHER OR NOT DAVIS WILL LEAVE UNTIL WE HAVE MADE
DECISION.

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